

**The American Egret at Maplewood, N. J.** — On July 27, 1897, Mr. Alfred Brower, my cousin, shot two specimens of the American Egret (*Ardea egretta*) on his pond in Maplewood, New Jersey. They were both young birds, although full grown. — CHARLES C. OWEN, *East Orange, N. J.*

**Virginia Rail killed by striking a Telephone Wire.** — On September 8, a specimen of the Virginia Rail (*Rallus virginianus*) was found in a yard in the centre of Englewood, N. J. The bird was stunned and had evidently come in contact with a telephone wire. During the day it revived and when I received it the next morning was apparently all right, although occasionally it showed a weakness in the legs, accompanied by an apparent dizziness. It lived for several days, when it was killed and preserved. Several photographs were taken, which are of some value in showing natural positions.

The above is a rather curious incident, as the wire which the bird must have struck is only about fifty feet from the ground, and is in the centre of a town of some six thousand inhabitants. The night was perfectly clear, and it is very hard to account for the bird's presence there. One or two of these birds are killed every year on the Hackensack and English Creek marshes, but they are considered rare. — WM. P. LEMMON, *Englewood, N. J.*

**Baird's Sandpiper (*Tringa bairdii*) on the California Coast.** — I desire to put on record the capture of a male Baird's Sandpiper on the ocean beach south of Pt. Pinos, near Monterey, California, August 25, 1897. Noticing two birds larger than the rest in a small flock of *Tringa minutilla* flying past, I singled out and brought down one with each barrel. One proved to be a male *Arenaria interpres* and the other a male *Tringa bairdii*.

The only other record of the occurrence of this species in California that I have found is one in the 'Catalogue of the Birds in the British Museum,' Vol. XXIV, p. 573. — JOSEPH MAILLIARD, *San Geronimo, Cal.*

**The Greater Yellow-Legs Catching Minnows.** — While hunting along the shore of Lake Chautauqua one day during the first week of October just past, I discovered three Greater Yellow-legs (*Totanus melanoleucus*) wading in about three inches of water. They were evidently feeding, so I stopped to watch them. They would run along with their bills just beneath the surface of the water. After watching them for some time, I killed them. When I cleaned the birds, I found minnows (about 1½ inches in length) in the stomachs of two of them. In looking this matter up in the different works on ornithology, I failed to find any mention of this bird feeding on fish. I recite this incident as a fact of probable interest. — H. D. KIRKOVER, *Fredonia, N. Y.*